आरम्भिक रूप में नेयवेली लिग्नाइट कारपोरेशन (ने० लि० का०) द्वारा क्रियान्वित की जानी थी। किन्तु ने०लि०का० के पास स्रोतों की कमी होने के कारण इस परि० को राज्य/संयुक्त निजी क्षेत्र को स्थानान्तरित किए जाने की सम्भावना है।

Settling claims of Bangladesh Freedom Fighters

@ 1870. SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Calcutta High Court has issued a Writ of Mandamus upon Government of India directing it to take effective steps for settling the claims of the petitioners (freedom fighters) fully and finally within a period of six months by giving an opportunity of hearing to them in respect of their properties in East Pakistan, (now Bangladesh) and June 1991 ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof made absolute the rule issued on 12th and what action has been taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Honourable Calcutta High Court has passed such a judgement. The Government has filed a stay petition and preferred an appeal against the judgement. The matters is sub-judge.

Impact of European Imports

1871. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India has agreed to erase impact of European imports into the country ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that European community has imposed a heavy duty on several items of imports from India ;

(c) if so, details thereof ; and

(d) what action is being taken to rectify the position ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Trade with European Union is carried out in the multi-lateral framework of GATT which enjoins non-discrimination between nations, inter-alia, on the matter of import duties.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Non-Payment of Wages to Tea Garden Workers

1872. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation regarding the non-payment of wages and salaries to the employees working in Retong, Vah-Tukver and Pashok Tea gardens under the T.T.C.I. in Darjeeling Hills ;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to redress the problems of these employees; and

(i) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) Representations have been received from various quarters regarding non-payment/ delayed payment of salaries and wages to workers and employees of Pashok Vahtukvar and Petong Tea Estates owned and managed by Tea Trading Corporation of India Ltd.

(b) and (c) Tea Trading Corporation of India Ltd. have informed that some

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amount has been paid by making limited diversion of money from other sources. Tea Trading Corporation of India Ltd. is responsible for running day-to-day affairs of the tea gardens owned by it. The Corporation has been advised to tone up working of its Gardens Division so as to generate sufficient surpluses to meet all expenses.

चाय का उत्पादन बढ़ाया जाना

1873. **चौधरी हरि सिंह** : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने चाय का उत्पादन बढ़ाने के लिये फरवरी, 1994 में 20 करोड़ रुपये की किसी योजना की घोषणा की है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्सम्बन्धी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) उक्त योजना का कार्यान्वयन कब किया जाएगा; और

(घ) चाय उत्पादन वाले किन-किन क्षेत्रों में यह धनराशि खर्च किये जाने की सम्भावना है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रणव मुखर्जी) : (क) से (घ) वित्तीय वर्ष 1994-95 के दौरान चाय बोर्ड को विभिन्न योजना, स्कीमों के कार्यान्वयन के लिये बजट प्राक्कलन 1994-95 में 20 करोड़ रुपये के परिव्यय का प्रस्ताव किया गया है। प्रस्तावित परिव्यय में सरकार द्वारा अनुमोदित विभिन्न चालू एवं नई योजनाओं के लिये 10.39 करोड़ रुपये के ऋण के रूप में, 5.79 करोड़ रुपये की पूंजी इम्दाद के रूप में तथा 2.82 करोड़ रुपये सहायता अनुदान के रूपों में शामिल है। सहायता अनुदान में से 2.14 करोड़ रुपये छह नई अनुसंधान योजनाओं और दो विकास योजनाओं के कार्यान्वयन के लिए निर्धारित किए गए हैं। इस सम्पूर्ण परिव्यय का उपयोग सारे भारत के चाय बागानों की विकास योजनाओं के कार्यान्वयन के लिए किया जाएगा और किसी पृथक चाय उत्पादक क्षेत्र के लिये कोई विशिष्ट राशि निर्धारित नहीं की गई है ।

Commerce Minister's Statement on Exit Policy

1874. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact during a visit to the annual meeting of World Economic Forum at Davos, Commerce Minister was particularly asked about Exit Policy in India, and

(b) whether same assurance has been given to foreign investors on the count of Exit Policy ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

Foreign Exchange Earning through Export of Foodgrains

1875. SHRI ASHOK MITRA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the foreign exchange earned from export of foodgrains in each of the year since 1990-91 :

(b) the details of the principal foodgrains exported in these year ;

(c) the targets set for such exports for each of the next five years ; and

(d) whether Government are satisfied that such export do not affect the domestic price level and the interest of domestic consumers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) The details of foodgrains exported and foreign